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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Sub-Commission on Prevention of
Discrimination and Protection
of Minorities
Thirty-ninth session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

The thirty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 August to 4 September 1987. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 10 August 1987.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), the Secretary-General submitted to the Sub-Commission at its thirty-eighth session a draft provisional agenda for its thirty-ninth session indicating the documents to be submitted under each item and the legislative authority for their preparation. This draft provisional agenda, as amended by the Sub-Commission at its 39th meeting, on 30 August 1985, formed the basis for the provisional agenda submitted herewith, which has been drawn up by the Secretary-General in consultation with the outgoing Chairman of the Sub-Commission, under rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

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Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Review of the work of the Sub-Commission.

4. Review of further developments in fields with which the Sub-Commission has been concerned.

5. Elimination of racial discrimination;

   (a) Measures to combat racism and racial discrimination and the role of the Sub-Commission;

   (b) Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist régimes of South Africa.

6. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).

7. International peace and security as an essential condition for the enjoyment of human rights, above all the right to life.

8. Communications concerning human rights: report of the Working Group established under Sub-Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII).

9. The administration of justice and the human rights of detainees:

   (a) Question of human rights of persons subjected to any form of detention and imprisonment;

   (b) Individualization of prosecution and penalties, and repercussions of violations of human rights on families;

   (c) Study on the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers;

   (d) Implementation of the right to derogation provided for under article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and violations of human rights;

   (e) Elaboration of a second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

   (f) Restraints on the use of force by law enforcement and military personnel.

10. Discrimination against indigenous populations.

11. The new international economic order and the promotion of human rights.

12. Slavery and slavery-like practices:

    (a) Question of slavery and the slave trade in all their practices and manifestations, including the slavery-like practices of apartheid and colonialism;

    (b) Exploitation of child labour.

13. Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief.

14. Promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international level:

    (a) The status of the individual and contemporary international law;

    (b) Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities;

    (c) Prevention of discrimination and protection of children: human rights and youth;

    (d) Prevention of discrimination and protection of women.

15. Consideration of the future work of the Sub-Commission and of the draft provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Sub-Commission.

16. Report of the thirty-ninth session.